

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a display device;

an original award having a plurality of digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award;

a plurality of different award modification methods, wherein a first one of the award modification methods includes individually adding a digit to the digits of the original award, and wherein a second one of the award modification methods includes rearranging the digits of the original award; and

a processor which communicates with the display device, which determines whether to modify said original award and, if the determination is made to modify said original award,

- (a) selects one of the plurality of different award modifications methods,
- (b) causes said selected award modification method to modify said digits of the original award,
- (c) causes the display device to display said modified digits and
- (d) provides a modified award to a player wherein the modified digits indicate the amount of the modified award.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a modify input which communicates with the processor, wherein the determination of whether to modify said original award is based on a player's selection of the modify input.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the processor determines to modify said original award when an expected value associated with the digits in the original award exceeds the original award.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the processor randomly determines to modify said original award based on a probability stored in a memory device accessed by the processor.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of player selectable positions displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to select the positions, associates digits with the player's selection of the positions and determines the original award based on an order of the digits associated with the positions.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of masked digits displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to arrange at least two of the masked digits in an order, and the original award is based on the order of the masked digits arranged by the player.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of selections displayed by the display device, wherein the processor associates digits with said selections, and which enables a player to associate selections with a one's digit, a ten's digit and a hundred's digit of the original award provided to the player.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): A gaming device comprising:
a display device;

an original award having a plurality of digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award; and

a processor which communicates with the display device, which adds a new digit to the digits of the original award, displays a new award including said new digit and provides the new award to a player, wherein the digits of the original award and the new digit indicate the amount of the new award.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein said addition of said digit is one of a plurality of modifiers of said digits.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 10, which includes a modify input which communicates with the processor, wherein the new digit is added to the original award upon a player's selection of the modify input.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the processor randomly determines to when add a new digit to the original award based on a probability stored in a memory device accessed by the processor.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of player selectable positions displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to select the positions, associates digits with the player's selection of the positions and which determines the original award based on an order of the digits associated with the positions.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of masked digits displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to arrange at least two of the masked digits in an order, and the original award is based on the order of the masked digits arranged by the player.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of selections displayed by the display device, wherein the processor associates digits with said selections, and which enables a player to associate selections with a one's digit, a ten's digit and a hundred's digit of the original award provided to the player.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): A gaming device comprising:
a display device;
an original award having a plurality of digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award; and
a processor which communicates with the display device, which removes a digit from the digits of the original award, displays a new award without the removed digit and provides the new award to a player, wherein the digits of the original award with the digit removed indicate the amount of the new award.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein said removal of said digit is one of a plurality of modifiers of said digits.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 17, which includes a modify input which communicates with the processor, wherein the digit is removed from the original award upon a player's selection of the modify input.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein the processor randomly determines when to remove the digit from the original based on a probability stored in a memory device accessed by the processor.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of player selectable positions displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to select the positions, associates digits with the player's selection of the positions and determines the original award based on an order of the digits associated with the positions.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of masked digits displayed by the display device, wherein the processor enables the player to arrange at least two of the masked digits in an order, and the original award is based on the order of the masked digits arranged by the player.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein the gaming event includes a plurality of selections displayed by the display device, wherein the processor associates digits with said selections, and which enables a player to associate selections with a one's digit, a ten's digit and a hundred's digit of the original award provided to the player.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:
a display device;
a processor that communicates with the display device;
an original award including a plurality of digits displayed by the display device,
said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the
digits indicate an amount of the original award;
a plurality of different award modification methods which are adapted to modify at
least one of the digits of the original award, wherein a first one of the award modification
methods includes individually adding a digit to the digits of the original award, and
wherein a second one of the award modification methods includes rearranging the digits
of the original award; and
a player selectable modify input which communicates with the processor, an
activation of which initiates one of the award modification methods selected from the
plurality of award modification methods.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 23, ~~wherein one of
the award modification methods includes a rearrangement of the digits of the original
award,~~ wherein the rearranged digits indicate an amount of a modified award.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein a third
one of the award modification methods includes an award regeneration from numbers
used to form the original award, wherein the regenerated numbers indicate an amount
of a modified award.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 23, ~~wherein one of
the award modification methods includes adding a digit to the original award,~~ wherein
the digits of the original award and the new digit indicate an amount of a modified
award.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein a third one of the award modification methods includes removing a digit from the original award, wherein the digits of the original award with the digit removed indicate an amount of a modified award.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 23, wherein a third one of the award modification methods includes multiplying the original award by a number, wherein a product of the multiplication results in a modified award.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:
a display device;

an original award including a plurality of digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award;

a plurality of different award modification methods which are adapted to modify at least one of the digits of the original award ~~and~~, wherein a first one of the award modification methods includes individually ~~add~~sadding a digit to the digits of the original award, and wherein a second one of the award modification methods includes rearranging the digits of the original award; and

a processor that communicates with the display device and randomly initiates one of the modification methods selected from the plurality of modification methods.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A gaming device operated under the control of a controller, said gaming device comprising:

a display device;

an original award represented by a plurality of individual digits displayed by the display device, said original award resulting from a gaming event played by a player and wherein the digits indicate an amount of the original award; and

a final award provided to a player, said final award including a modification of the digits of the original award displayed by the display device, wherein the modified digits of the original award indicate an amount of the final award and wherein the modification method for modification of the original award is selected from a plurality of different award modification methods stored by the controller and including at least: a rearrangement of at least two of the digits of the original award, an addition of a digit to the digits of the original award, a removal of one of the digits of the original award, and a modification of at least one of the digits of the original award.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein the modification of the digits of the original award is randomly determined.